Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* It appears to me that there are two issues raised in this cut motion. One is that the person who is actually in charge of this work is not doing it properly and the second is that the results have not been commensurate with the expenditure. The two issues are quite different. If the Hon'ble Members will turn their attention to the work that is being done by the Archaeological Surveyor of India and demand results commensurate with the expenditure involved, I think the same criticisms have to be applied to that Government also. As all Hon'ble Members must be aware, the result of researches of a department like that of Archaeology, is greatly dependant upon chances. I have nothing to say if the Hon'ble Member's contention is that there has been dereliction of duty or slackness—and an Hon'ble Member drew the pointed attention of this House to certain inscriptions in the ancient script and they still remain undisclosed—as they were—well, I would request this House not to evaluate the work of this department exclusively in terms of results achieved. Government are prepared to accept the views expressed by him that more liveliness and energy are required for the conduct of this department. All the suggestions that have been thrown out in the course of this discussion will be borne in mind and the instructions conveyed in various forms will be intimated in the course of the year. Nothing can be done immediately. No useful purpose will be served in winding up this department as long as there is the Cheraman Paramba and the Cheraman Perumal and as long as we have got a very long history. I would, therefore, say that while one cannot expect results which are strictly mathematical commensurate with either the expenditure or the efforts involved in this research, Government will do their best to implement the instructions contained in this cut motion, to see that the Officer or the department concerned is brought to a lively sense of his duty, to see that more work is turned out and above all to see that it gives publicity to what is being done. But a paragraph in an Administration Report can hardly record anything even in the case of a minor department. I am perfectly satisfied that with all his faults he must have done more than what is contained in that small paragraph. I think it is very essential, if finances permit, to have occasional or at least annual bulletins published by this department properly. In any case, Government can give this House the assurance that every effort will be made to see that more work is exacted from this department, and as far as possible the results achieved are brought to the information of the public in all their details.

The House rose for lunch at 1 p.m. and reassembled at 2-30 p. m. with M. R. Ry. A. B. Salem, Avl., the Panel Chairman in the Chair.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* In view of the assurance given by the Government that they will look into the various points raised in the course of the discussion in this Council, I beg leave of the House to withdraw the motion.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn

The demand of Rs. 17,600 under 30, Scientific, etc., Departments was put and carried.

31. Industries reserved—Rs. 13,265

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I move for an allotment of Rs. 13,265 under 31—Industries Reserved.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Demand put and carried

32. Industries Transferred—Rs. 97,731

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I rise to move for an allotment of Rs. 97,731 under 32—Industries Transferred.

Demand put and carried

22. Industries (Cranganur)—Rs. 2,046

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I move for an allotment of Rs. 2,046 under 22. Industries (Cranganur).

Demand put and carried

4. Co-operative Societies—Rs. 25,840

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I rise to move for an allotment of Rs. 25,840 under 4—Co-operative Societies.

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